IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC) has committed financial assistance to the tune of US $ 20 million, to be spent over a period of five years from 1988, for drug abuse prevention as also control measures like strengthening of machinery for control over drug trafficking, strengthening of narcotics testing laboratories and commnuity-based treatment and social reintegration of drug addicts. To this effect, an agreement has been signed between the Government of India and the Fund authorities on 17-8-1988. Various allocations, as indicated below, have been tentatively agreed upon:

	US $ (in million)
1. Strengthening of control over transit traffic . . .	7·50
2. Modernisation and strengthening of forensic laboratories . . .	0·80
3. Strengthening of control over licit opium production . .	3·50
4. Drug dependence, prevention and treatment . .	5·35
5. Rehabilitation and social reintegration of drug addicts	2·50
6. Prevention of drug abuse through education and information . . .	0·35

The project would be implemented in stages, involving voluntary agencies also, wherever necessary.

Problems of Export Processing Zones

1590. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems of Export Processing Zones;

(b) whether some Export Processing Zones have pleaded before Government in extending tax holiday from the present five years to fifteen years; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Government duly examines any problem brought to its notice concerning the Export Processing Zones with a view to resolving it.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It has not been possible to accept the suggestion.

Instructions to District Collectors

1591. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has been issuing instructions directly to the District Collectors;

(b) if so, on what matters;

(c) whether some of the State Governments have protested against this; and

(d) if so what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.